



Sisters Park and Recreation District

Board of Directors Work Session

5:30pm Tuesday: January 8, 2019

Minutes

Jeff Tryens called the meeting to order at **5:32pm**

Board Present: Jeff Tryens, Heath Foote, Bob Keefer, and Peggy Tehan

Staff Present: Courtney Snead and Patricia Silva Hennings

Visitors: Bruce Carpenter, Beth Carpenter, and Corey Misley

Topic for Discussion: Pickleball Proposal – Bruce Carpenter and Lori Chase

Bruce Carpenter introduced a proposal to provide public Pickleball in Sisters with the option to build new Pickleball courts, or take existing tennis courts and convert them into playable Pickleball courts. Bruce provided a PowerPoint presentation about the game of Pickleball and its growing popularity. Bruce discussed that Pickleball can be played indoors and outdoors.

Bruce explained that there are a few Pickleball courts around Sisters but, they are operated by private communities and resorts that only permit the residents that live in those communities to use their courts. In conclusion, Bruce outlined the benefits of offering Pickleball to the community of Sisters. Those benefits include; a) offering adult senior programming b) providing options for all ages to stay active c) the opportunity to collaborate with the local schools to enhance physical education d) boosting the local economy e) the potential for Sisters to host state and national tournaments f) and to build a strengthened sense of community.

Bob and Peggy discussed the possibility of collaborating with Pine Meadows and Black Butte. Bob asked the staff to look at and evaluate options for Pickleball in

Sisters, including a program for lessons. Jeff discussed being a partner versus implementing the process. Courtney explained the partnership committee process and the importance of building positive partnerships. Peggy addressed the ease of partnering with the Pickleball community. Bob asked Courtney to present the board with a final proposal for public Pickleball at the next board meeting. The rest of the board concurred.

Topic for Discussion: Horizons Vision Action Plan – Corey Misley, City of Sisters

Corey Misley, City Manager, introduced himself and addressed the vision action plan and the vision action team. Corey explained that the team is at the point where the partners are transitioning into the implementation process. Jeff expressed his experience with the visioning process and his concerns with the approach used for the Horizons Plan. Corey stressed the importance of working together as a community without focusing on who is or is not leading the process. Corey asked that the identified partners try to move forward, regardless of whether or not they were involved in the action plan process. Corey shared that he views all public entities serving Sisters Country to be important partners, including SPRD. Jeff expressed his concerns with the process and Peggy reiterated the importance of being involved.

Heath expressed that he would like get caught up with the process and move forward. Bob discussed the importance on moving forward with strategies and focusing on doing what's best for the community. Bob asserted that he supports working with staff to create a resolution or a plan. Heath reiterated that he would like to know how to get caught up with the process. Corey explained that the next steps would involve collaborating with partners and having a discussion. Courtney mentioned updating SPRD's strategic plan while keeping the vision items in mind during the process. Corey expressed his willingness to keep the line of communication open with SPRD. Heath and Bob expressed the importance of staying committed to implementing the levy, as presented to the public, and making sure that SPRD does what they said they were going to do.

Topic for Discussion: FY2018-19 Budget Adjustments – Courtney Snead

Courtney gave an overview of the mid-year budget analysis. She explained that the adopted total budget does not change. The proposed changes are at the

category level including; 1) materials and services 2) capital 3) debt. The board discussed the requirements regarding the posting of proposed adjustments. Bob suggested adopting a resolution without the need for a supplemental budget.

Topic(s) for Discussion: FY2019-20 Budget calendar process, and a brief conversation about pre-school program rates - Courtney Snead

Courtney presented the 2019-2020 Budget Calendar. The budget committee was discussed among board members. Bob acknowledged that good public policy would be to advertise any openings in the budget to the committee. Bob shared that Oregon state law requires a 3-year staggered term for a budget committee.

Courtney shared the pre-school program changes that will be presented on 1/22/19. Peggy brought up a discussion of auto-pay versus paying with cash. Peggy explained the existence of merchant fees when using a credit card.

Topic for Discussion: Personnel Policies

Jeff proposed an evening meeting for the HR committee to review proposed changes to SPRD.

Meeting Adjourn Time- **7:33 pm**

Next Meeting: January 22, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Silva Hennings

Approved by BOD: _____

Date